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SUBJECT: DINITZ QUERY RE PROPOSED MILITARY SUPPLY AND
FINANCING AGREEMENTS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1. AT TAB 5 OF THE PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS WHICH YOU CARRIED
WITH YOU TO VAIL ON THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
ISRAELIS ARE SIX DOCUMENTS DEALING WITH SPECIFIC ISRAELI
MILITARY AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS. DINITZ HAS
NOW CALLED TO SEE HOW WE ARE GOING TO HANDLE THESE.
UNTIL NOW, I HAVE BEEN TELLING HIM THAT WE WERE CONCEN-
TRATING ON THE OTHER DOCUMENTS AND WERE NOT ABLE TO YET
DEAL WITH THIS. NOW WE NEED TO GIVE HIM SOME KIND OF AN
ANSWER.

2. I RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO REPLY AS FOLLOWS
IN RELATION TO THOSE SIX DOCUMENTS:

A. SN DOCUMENT A ON U.S. PROVIDING DOLLARS 1.8 BILLION

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YEARLY IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE, WE WOULD SAY THAT THIS WILL

BE CALCULATED AS PART OF THE TOTAL ASSISTANCE FIGURE
WHICH WILL BE MENTIONED IN THE BILATERAL ASSURANCE DOCUMENT

WHICH WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING THIS WEEK (TAB 4 IN YOUR
PACKAGE).

B. WITH REGARD TO DOCUMENTS B, C AND D WHICH COVER
EQUIPMENT TO BE FINANCED FROM THE ANNUAL DOLLARS 1.8
BILLION MENTIONED ABOVE INCLUDING THE ENTIRE MATMON B
LIST PLUS ISRAELI ACCESS TO U.S. RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
MENT INFORMATION AND THE LICENSING OF PRODUCTION IN
ISRAEL OF U.S. WEAPONS SYSTEMS, WE WOULD SAY THAT THESE
ARE MUCH TOO COMPLICATED TO DEAL WITH IN A SHORT
PERIOD OF TIME AND WE THEREFORE SUGGEST PUTTING THE
FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH INTO OUR BILATERAL ASSURANCE AGREE-
MENT: QUOTE: WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR SPECIFI
MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ACCESS TO U.S. RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
INFORMATION AND PRODUCTION UNDER LICENSE OF U.S. WEAPONS
SYSTEMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN ISRAEL, THE U.S. AND
ISRAEL WILL FORM A WORKING GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF THESE
MATTERS WITH THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING CONCRETE COURSES
OF ACTION IN RELATION TO THEM. THE U.S. WILL WORK
SYMPATHETICALLY IN THAT GROUP FOR A RESOLUTION OF THESE
ISSUES. UNQUOTE. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD TELL DINITZ
THAT UPON CONCLUSION OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, WE ARE
PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE LANCE PROGRAM AND THE F-15
TEAM. AS TO THE F-16, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE,
BUT THE DETAILS, PRODUCTION SCHEDULES, NUMBERS WOULD
HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT WITH THE PENTAGON.

C. WITH REGARD TO DOCUMENT E ON A CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR
AIR AND SEA LIFT TO ISRAEL, WE WOULD REMIND DINITZ
THAT WE HAVE INDICATED IN THE U.S.-ISRAELI BILATERAL
ASSURANCE DOCUMENT (TAB 4, PARA 12) THAT WE ARE WILLING
TO FINISH WORKING OUT THE CONTINGENCY PLAN.

D. WITH REGARD TO DOCUMENT F ON U.S. FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ISRAELI DEFENSE
LINE IN SINAI, WE WOULD SAY THAT WE WILL TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT IN SETTING OUR OVERALL FY1976 AID LEVEL THE
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